

CHAPTER 42-02-02 GENERAL PROVISIONS

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42-02-02-01. Eligibility of applicants. In accordance with North Dakota Century Code chapter 15-63, the following factors shall be considered in the process used to determine eligibility of applicants:

1. An applicant must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe and a resident of North Dakota. Residency for each student shall be determined by the institution that student is attending.
2. An applicant may not be considered eligible until the applicant has gained admission to any institution of higher learning or state vocational education program within North Dakota.
3. An applicant must be in financial need or a valedictorian or demonstrate academic merit.
4. An applicant must show probable and continuing success as a student.
5. The scholarship funds are only available to students who are considered to be full-time students, or to part-time students who may need minimal credits to complete their degree requirements within one semester, in their course of study by the college or university they are attending.
6. Students participating in internships, student teaching, teaching assistance programs, or cooperative education programs shall be eligible for a scholarship award only if participation in that program will earn credits which require tuition and which are required for a degree.

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42-02-02-02. Procedures for application.

1. All applications shall be submitted to the administrator of the Indian scholarship program:

North Dakota Indian Scholarship Program
North Dakota University System
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 215
Bismarck, ND 58505-0230

2. The deadline for application is the fifteenth of July of each year.

3. Along with a completed application form, all candidates shall also submit the following:
 - a. Verification of tribal enrollment;
 - b. The applicant's most recent transcript (high school, college, university, or general equivalency diploma certificate); and
 - c. A budget completed by a financial aid officer at the institution the applicant will be attending.
4. Applicants whose financial circumstances change in the year of the awarded grant may be considered for revision of award or other budget adjustments, or both, through a special request to the scholarship board.
5. Current recipients wishing to apply for continued funding through the following academic year shall submit:
 - a. An updated transcript; and
 - b. A new budget completed by the financial aid officer at the institution the student is attending.

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42-02-02-03. Selection process. All completed applications received before the application deadline will be given full and equal consideration when screening for eligibility. Candidates for scholarship will be in the following three groups:

1. **Awards for valedictorians.** All valedictorians meeting the application criteria will receive an award if the application deadline has been met.
2. **Awards for merit-based scholarship.** The recipient of the merit-based scholarship must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50. Financial need is not necessarily a factor. The award is to provide an incentive to students with high academic achievements.
3. **Awards for financial need or basic scholarship.** The recipient of the basic scholarship must show a financial need and maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00. Undergraduates will be given priority over graduate students.

Any eligible student who is not offered an award but whose grant application was received by the fifteenth of July deadline will be placed on a waiting list for funds which may become available throughout the academic year. Students on

the waiting list will be ranked according to financial need, cumulative grade point average, and before late applications.

All awardees will be sent notification immediately after the completion of the selection process. A student who has been chosen to be a recipient of an award shall notify the scholarship administrator of the student's acceptance or rejection of the award. Acceptance or rejection notices must be received by the administrator within three weeks of the date on the award notification letter.

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